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SUBJECT: COURT TESTIMONY OF CONSULAR OFFICER

REF: STATE 52299

1. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAS REQUESTED THAT CONSULAR OFFICER TESTIFY IN TRIAL OF LESLIE PREMDASS, GUYANESE NATIONAL, FOR FALSE PRETENSE IN THAT HE FRAUDULENTLY ACCEPTED MONEY FROM GUYANESE NATIONALS WITH PROMISE THAT HE WOULD GET THEM A U.S. VISA. REQUEST ASKS THAT CONSULAR OFFICER COLWELL QUOTE GIVE EVIDENCE AT COURT ON MAY 8 ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) WHETHER GLEN ORTIZ, KEN WHITMAN AND LESLIE PREMDASS IS OR WERE EMPLOYED WITH YOUR EMBASSY IN GUYANA.

(B) WHETHER ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PERSONS WERE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISA TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(C) WHO ARE THE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END QUOTE.

2. GLEN ORTIZ IS FORMER MARINE SECURITY GUARD AT XBASSY AS WAS KEN WILHITE (PROBABLY MEANT BY WHITMAN). PREMDASS ALLEGEDLY MENTIONED THEIR NAMES AS CONTACTS. WE HDE NO RPT NO INDICATION EITHER OF MARINES EITHER ACCEPTED MONEY FROM PREMDASS OR THAT EITHER OF MARINES ATTEMPTED INFLUENCE VISA PROCESS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR CONSULAR OFFICER TO TESTIFY UNDER SAME PROVISIOS AS THOSE CONTAINED REFTTEL RE TESTIMONY AT UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIAL OF JEAN PERSAUD AND RIJKUMARIE MANICHAND.

4. FYI: PERSAUD AND MANICHAND TRIALS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED BUT ARE
EXPECTED TO BEGIN WITHIN NEXT MONTH.
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